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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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1. (Currently amended) An apparatus, comprising: a microfluidic trench to contain a target

molecule, an array addressed device including a plurality of addressable cells, each of the plurality

of addressable cells including at least two electrodes, the electrodes having structures and/or charge

distributions similar to the target molecule; an electrochemical detector; and a spectroscope

optically coupled to the array addressed device via a waveguide total internal reflection prism,

wherein the waveguide total internal reflection prism is coupled to the microfluidic trench, wherein

the array addressed device is configured to detect bonding and/or lack-of-bonding of the target

molecule to the array addressed device.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the spectroscope includes an infrared

spectroscope.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the infrared spectroscope includes a

Fourier transform infrared spectroscope.

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein an infrared spectroscope signal from the

infrared spectroscope is electromodulated by applying potential between the at least two electrodes

in at least one of the plurality of cells.

5. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein an infrared spectroscope signal from the

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infrared spectroscope is photo-modulated by applying a modulated UV-VIS signal to a surface of at

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least one of the at least two electrodes.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the waveguide includes a

total internal reflection prism and the spectroscope is optically coupled to the total internal

reflection prism.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of addressable cells

includes an individually addressable cell.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the individual addressable cell includes a

first individually addressable electrode and a second individually addressable electrode.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of addressable cells

includes a pair of electrodes that are less than approximately 200 microns in size and the spacing of

the electrodes is less than approximately 200 microns.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein each of the pair of electrodes are less than

approximately 100 nm in size.

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12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the spacing of the pair of electrodes is

less than approximately 100 nm.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein each of the pair of electrodes includes at

least one member selected from the group consisting of single-walled carbon nanotubes and silicon

nano-wires.

14. (Currently amended) An apparatus, comprising: a microfluidic trench to contain one or

more target molecules, an array addressed device including a plurality of addressable cells, each of

the plurality of addressable cells including a first electrode and a second electrode, the first and/or

second electrodes having structures and/or charge distributions similar to the one or more target

molecules, wherein a first tip of the first electrode is located in the microfluidic trench and

electronically coupled to a first trace via a first conductive plug and a second tip of the second

electrode is located in the microfluidic trench and electronically coupled to a second trace via a

second conductive plug; an electrochemical detector; a spectroscope optically coupled to the array

addressed device, wherein the plurality of addressable cells comprise a plurality of sensor elements

wherein each of the sensor elements is functionalized to interact with the one or more target

molecules; a control circuitry coupled to the sensor elements, wherein the control circuitry is

configured to detect interactions of the sensor elements with the one or more target molecules; and

memory coupled to the control circuitry, wherein the control circuitry is configured to store data

corresponding to the plurality of sensor elements in the memory, wherein the apparatus is a hand-

held device.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the plurality of sensor elements are

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configured as a two-dimensional array and are addressable using memory cell techniques.

16 (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the plurality of sensor elements are

addressable by corresponding rows and columns of the two-dimensional array.

17-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a microfluidic channel coupled

to at least one of the addressable cells.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a selective membrane coupled

to at least one of the addressable cells.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the selective membrane includes at least

one member selected form the group consisting of chemically selective membranes and biologically

selective membranes.

22-40. (Cancelled)

41. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the spectroscope is an impedance

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spectroscopy.

42. (Withdrawn) An apparatus, comprising: an array addressed device including a plurality of

addressable cells, each of the plurality of addressable cells including at least two electrodes; and a

spectroscope optically coupled to the condensed array addressed device, wherein the array

addressed device comprises integrating impedance measurement circuitry into the array addressed

device and memory array to perform an electrical readout.

43. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein the spectroscope includes an infrared

spectroscope.

44. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 43, wherein the infrared spectroscope includes a

Fourier transform infrared spectroscope.

45. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 43, wherein an infrared spectroscope signal from the

infrared spectroscope is electromodulated by applying potential between the at least two electrodes

in at least one of the plurality of cells.

46. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 43, wherein an infrared spectroscope signal from the

infrared spectroscope is photo-modulated by applying a modulated UV-VIS signal to a surface of at

least one of the at least two electrodes.

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47. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein the waveguide includes a total internal

reflection prism and the spectroscope is optically coupled to the total internal reflection prism.

48. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein each of the plurality of addressable cells

includes an individually addressable cell.

49. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the individual addressable cell includes a

first individually addressable electrode and a second individually addressable electrode.

50. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein each of the plurality of addressable cells

includes a pair of electrodes that are less than approximately 200 microns in size and the spacing of

the electrodes is less than approximately 200 microns.

51. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 50, wherein each of the pair of electrodes are less than

approximately 100 nm in size.

52. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 50, wherein the spacing of the pair of electrodes is

less than approximately 100 nm.

53. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 50, wherein each of the pair of electrodes includes at

least one member selected from the group consisting of single-walled carbon nanotubes and silicon

nano-wires.

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- 54. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the target molecule comprises DNA.
- 55. (New) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the one or more target molecules comprises DNA.